THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 9th July 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at four of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

House-rent allowance to the menial staff in the Government Estate.

* 28 Q.—SRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether separate house-rent allowance is paid to the menial staff employed by the Public Works Department in the Government House Estate; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The conservancy establishment and the gardeners employed in the Government Estate, Mount Road, who have not been provided with houses, are drawing a house-rent allowance at Rs. 7 per mensem each. The mazdoors and sweepers employed for the maintenance of the Rajaji Hall have not been sanctioned a separate house-rent allowance; they are paid a consolidated salary at market rates for similar labour.

" (*b*) As the mazdoors and sweepers employed for the maintenance of the Rajaji Hall have been employed on a fixed salary of Rs. 33 per mensem inclusive of all allowances, no separate house-rent allowance has been sanctioned to them."

Supply of muskets, revolvers and handcuffs to the Prohibition staff.

* 29 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether muskets were purchased and supplied to the Prohibition staff and if so, (i) the number of such muskets and (ii) the cost of such muskets during the years 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52;

(*b*) whether revolvers were purchased and supplied to the Prohibition staff and if so, (i) the number of such revolvers and (ii) the cost of such revolvers during the above period;

(*c*) whether handcuffs were purchased and supplied to the Prohibition staff and if so, the number of such handcuffs during the same period; and